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In re application of:

S.D. Augustine et al

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Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Final Action dated September 14, 1995 in this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the Final Action (Paper 3).

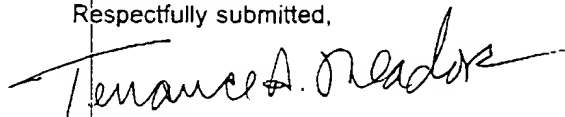
The applicant submitted a Preliminary Amendment by first class mail certificate dated July 7, 1995. The applicant received a postcard stamped by the Patent Office mail room acknowledging receipt of the Preliminary Amendment on July 10, 1995. Copies of the Preliminary Amendment and stamped receipt are enclosed.

By the Preliminary Amendment, the applicant confirmed cancellation of Claims 4-7 and 11-25 made in the transmittal of the application. The applicant further cancelled Claims 1-3 and 8-9. Claims 26-35 were added to the application.

The mailing date of the Final Action is September 14, 1995, more than two (2) months after receipt of the Preliminary Amendment by the Patent Office. Accordingly, the Preliminary Amendment, while having been received by the Patent Office, was manifestly not considered by the Examiner when the Final Action was prepared and issued.

Since the Preliminary Amendment was timely and preceded the Final Action, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the Final Action and to issue an Official Action based on examination of the claims that are at issue in this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the first examination, please amend the above-identified
patent application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please cancel the recitation of the Abstract and substitute the
following therefor:

--A thermal blanket includes an inflatable covering
with a head end, a foot end, two edges, and an
undersurface. The covering includes a plurality of
inflatable chambers that are inflated when a thermal-